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Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

2.   (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus according to claim ~~1~~ 5, wherein the registration specification information corresponds to a specified character string included in a subject of the electronic mail.

3.   (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus according to claim ~~1~~ 5, further comprising:

a received mail processing section which, when electronic mail is received, performs a specified process for the electronic mail; and

a deletion section which deletes electronic mail containing the registration specification information without allowing the received mail processing section to perform the specified process.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

5.   (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An image communication apparatus ~~according to claim 4,~~ which transmits image data to a transmission destination address, said apparatus comprising:

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an address storage which stores at least one mail address;

5   a destination specification acceptance section which accepts

a specification of any said stored mail address and determines

the specified mail address to be the transmission destination

address;

           an address registration section which, upon receipt of

10   electronic mail including specified registration specification

information and a body embedded with separate electronic mail,

stores in the address storage a mail address of a sender

indicated in a header of the separate electronic mail;

           a specific information storage which stores specific

15   information;

           a specific information generation section which generates

the specific information based on specified information included

in the separate electronic mail, upon receipt of the electronic

mail including the specified registration specification

20   information and the body embedded with the separate electronic

mail;

           a registration inhibition section which inhibits the address

registration section from storing the mail address in the address

storage when the specific information storage already contains

25   the specific information generated by the specific information

generation section; and

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    <u>a specific information registration section which stores the</u>
<u>specific information generated by the specific information</u>
<u>generation section in the specific information storage only when</u>
30   <u>the specific information storage does not already contain the</u>
<u>generated specific information;</u>

    wherein the specific information generation section
generates the specific information by combining a character
string included in a subject of the separate electronic mail with
35   a character string indicating ~~the~~ <u>a</u> time of creating the separate
electronic mail.

    Claim 6 (Canceled).

    7.   (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus
according to claim ~~6~~ <u>12</u>, wherein the registration specification
information corresponds to a specified character string included
in a subject of the electronic mail.

    8.   (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus
according to claim ~~6~~ <u>12</u>, wherein the address registration section
determines the group name ~~including~~ <u>to include</u> at least part of a
character string indicating a subject of the electronic mail.

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9.   (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus according to claim ~~6~~ 12, wherein the address registration section ~~allows~~ stores, in the address storage, ~~to store~~ all mail addresses indicated in ~~a~~ the header of the separate electronic mail.

10.   (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus according to claim ~~6~~ 12, further comprising:

a received mail processing section which, when electronic mail is received, performs a specified process concerning the electronic mail; and

a deletion section which deletes electronic mail containing the registration specification information without allowing the received mail processing section to perform the specified process.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

12.   (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An image communication apparatus ~~according to claim 11,~~ which transmits image data to a transmission destination address, said apparatus comprising:

an address storage which stores at least one group name and a plurality of mail addresses corresponding to each said group name;

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a destination specification acceptance section which accepts

specification of any said stored group name and determines the

transmission destination address based on the plurality of mail

10   addresses stored in the address storage in correspondence with

the specified group name; and

an address registration section which, upon receipt of

electronic mail including specified registration specification

information and a body embedded with separate electronic mail,

15   determines an unused group name and stores, in the address

storage in correspondence with the determined group name, a

plurality of specified mail addresses indicated in a header of

the separate electronic mail;

a specific information storage which stores specific

20   information;

a specific information generation section which generates

the specific information based on specified information included

in the separate electronic mail, upon receipt of the electronic

mail including the specified registration specification

25   information and the body embedded with the separate electronic

mail;

a registration inhibition section which inhibits the address

registration section from storing the mail address in the address

storage when the specific information storage already contains

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30   <u>the specific information generated by the specific information</u>

        <u>generation section; and</u>

        <u>a specific information registration section which stores the</u>

        <u>specific information generated by the specific information</u>

        <u>generation section in the specific information storage only when</u>

35   <u>the specific information storage does not already contain the</u>

        <u>generated specific information;</u>

        wherein the specific information generation section

        generates the specific information by combining a specified

        character string included in a subject of the separate electronic

40   mail with a character string indicating ~~the~~ <u>a</u> time of creating

        the separate electronic mail.

        Claims 13-18 (Canceled).

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